

REMARKS

On page 2 of the last office action, claims 1-7 and 9-11 are rejected on the ground of obviousness-type double patenting in view of claims 1-5 of the co-pending patent application 10/010,909. However, as is pointed out in the office action, this rejection may be overcome by a terminal disclaimer in accordance with 37CFR1.321(c) since the cited patent application 10/010,909 is commonly owned with the present patent application. Accordingly, this amendment includes such a terminal disclaimer.

Next, in the last office action, five U.S. patents are cited as related prior art, but they are not used to form the basis of any rejection. In any case, the cited five patents have now been carefully reviewed by the undersigned attorney, and it is respectfully submitted that they do not anticipate or make obvious the present invention as claimed.

Next, by this amendment, a minor change is made to wording of the dependent claims 2 and 3. By this change, the claims require the build step to "provide" particular items "in" the internet protocol headers, rather than require the build step to "generate" those items "for" the internet protocol headers. This change simply makes the language of dependent claims 2 and 3 more clear and consistent with the language of dependent claims 4 and 5.

Next, it is noted that the present application as originally filed has three blank spaces on page 1 in the section which is entitled "RELATED CASES". These blank spaces are for the serial numbers of two related cases and their filing date. So by this amendment, the three blank spaces are filled in.

Lastly, by this amendment, two typographical errors are corrected on page 23 of the Detailed Description. Specifically, the letters "al" in two occurrences of the word "internal" are change to "et"

Based on the above Remarks, the present case should now be in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, entrance of this amendment and an early Notice of Allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

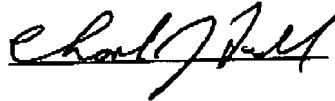


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